II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (new): A cleaning system, comprising:

(a) a bucket, wherein the bucket further comprises a closed bottom portion and an open top portion; and

(b) a removable bucket insert, wherein the bucket insert sits in the bottom portion of the bucket and further comprises:

(i) at least one filter; wherein the filter further comprises:

a) an upward facing side and a downward facing side; and

b) a plurality of intersecting crossbars, wherein the crossbars define a plurality of openings between the intersecting crossbars, and wherein the openings pass completely though the filter; and

(ii) a support means;

a) wherein the support means elevates the filter above the bottom of the bucket;

b) wherein the support means further comprises at least two baffles attached to or formed integrally with the downward facing side of the filter; and

c) wherein the baffles substantially traverse the length and width of the filter at substantially right angles to the filter.

Claim 21 (new): The cleaning system of claim 20, further comprising:

(a) an item to be cleaned, wherein the item to be cleaned further comprises removable particulate matter;

(b) a cleaning implement for removing the particulate matter from the item; and

(c) a volume of fluid contained in the bucket, wherein the particulate matter is removed from the cleaning implement by placing the cleaning implement in the fluid.

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Claim 22 (new): The cleaning system of claim 21, wherein the particulate matter passes through the filter when the cleaning implement is placed in the fluid; wherein the baffles reduce the motion of the fluid in the bottom of the bucket; and wherein a portion of the particulate matter is retained in the bucket below the filter when the bucket insert is in use.

Claim 23 (new): The cleaning system of claim 21, wherein the item to be cleaned is a vehicle.

Claim 24 (new): The cleaning system of claim 21, wherein the cleaning implement is at least one of a rag and a mitt.

Claim 25 (new): The cleaning system of claim 20, wherein the filter further comprises a grasping means for removing the bucket insert from the bucket.

Claim 26 (new): The cleaning system of claim 20, wherein the crossbars on the upward facing side of the filter further include upwardly tapered edges, and wherein the tapered edges minimize the surface area of the filter.

Claim 27 (new): The cleaning system of claim 20, wherein the baffles substantially traverse the length and width of the filter at substantially right angles to one another.

Claim 28 (new): The cleaning system of claim 20, wherein the shape of the filter substantially corresponds to the shape of the bucket.

Claim 29 (new): A cleaning device, comprising:

(a) a removable insert for use in a bucket having a closed bottom portion and an open top portion, wherein the insert sits in the bottom portion of the bucket and further comprises:

(i) at least one filter; wherein the filter further comprises: an upward facing side and a downward facing side; a plurality of intersecting crossbars, wherein the crossbars define a plurality of openings between the intersecting crossbars, and wherein the openings pass completely though the filter; and

(ii) at least two baffles attached to or formed integrally with the downward facing side of the filter; wherein the baffles elevate the filter above the bottom of the

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bucket; and wherein the baffles substantially traverse the length and width of the filter substantially at right angles to the filter.

Claim 30 (new): The cleaning device of claim 29, wherein the filter further comprises a grasping means for removing the bucket insert from the bucket.

Claim 31 (new): The cleaning device of claim 29, wherein the crossbars on the upward facing side of the filter further include upwardly tapered edges, and wherein the tapered edges minimize the surface area of the filter.

Claim 32 (new): The cleaning device of claim 29, wherein the baffles substantially traverse the length and width of the filter at substantially right angles to one another.

Claim 33 (new): The cleaning device of claim 29, wherein the shape of the filter substantially corresponds to the shape of the bucket.

Claim 34 (new): A cleaning method, comprising:

(a) providing an item to be cleaned, wherein the item to be cleaned further comprises removable particulate matter;

(b) providing a cleaning implement for removing the particulate matter from the item;

(c) providing a bucket for receiving the cleaning implement, wherein the bucket further comprises a closed bottom portion and an open top portion;

(d) filling the bucket with a volume of cleaning fluid;

(e) placing a removable insert into the bucket, wherein the bucket insert sits in the bottom portion of the bucket and further comprises:

(i) a filter; wherein the filter further comprises:

a) an upward facing side and a downward facing side; and

b) a plurality of intersecting crossbars, wherein the crossbars define a plurality of openings between the intersecting crossbars; and

(ii) a support means;

a) wherein the support means elevates the filter above the bottom of the bucket;

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b) wherein the support means further comprises at least two baffles attached to or formed integrally with the downward facing side of the filter; and

c) wherein the baffles substantially traverse the length and width of the filter at substantially right angles to the filter; and

(f) using the cleaning implement to remove the particulate matter from the item;

(g) rinsing the cleaning implement in the fluid; and

(h) wherein the particulate matter passes through the filter when the cleaning implement is rinsed in the fluid; wherein the baffles reduce the motion of the fluid in the bottom of the bucket; and wherein a portion of the particulate matter is retained in the bucket below the filter.

Claim 35 (new): The cleaning method of claim 34, wherein the item to be cleaned is a vehicle.

Claim 36 (new): The cleaning method of claim 34, wherein the cleaning implement is at least one of a rag and a mitt.

Claim 37 (new): The cleaning method of claim 34, wherein the filter further comprises a grasping means for removing the bucket insert from the bucket.

Claim 38 (new): The cleaning method of claim 34, wherein the crossbars on the upward facing side of the filter further include upwardly tapered edges, and wherein the tapered edges minimize the surface area of the filter.

Claim 39 (new): The cleaning method of claim 34, wherein the baffles substantially traverse the length and width of the filter at substantially right angles to one another.

Claim 40 (new): The cleaning method of claim 34, wherein the shape of the filter substantially corresponds to the shape of the bucket.

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